

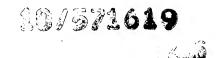
Uritier the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES			ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 0437-57	
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO: (If known, see 77 CR 1.5)	
	TIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED	
	J 2004/001264 INVENTION	17 September 2004	19 September 2003	
HANDRAIL OR TOP RAIL, POST AND PANEL ASSEMBLY AND CONNECTOR THEREFOR				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US David Adderton				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
1.	This is a FIRST submission of items co	ncerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371	ı.	
2.	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
3. 	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.			
4.	The US has been elected (Article 31).			
~5. _√	A copy of the International Application	n as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))		
	ais attached hereto (required	I only if not communicated by the Internation	nal Bureau).	
	b. has been communicated by	the International Bureau.		
_	c is not required, as the application	cation was filed in the United States Receiv	ing Office (RO/US).	
6.	An English language translation of the	e International Application as filed (35 U.S.C	C. 371(c)(2)).	
	a is attached hereto.			
	b. has been previously submit	tted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
	a. are attached hereto (requi	red only if not communicated by the Interna	itional Bureau).	
	b. have been communicated	by the International Bureau.		
	c. have not been made; how	ever, the time limit for making such amendr	nents has NOT expired.	
	d. have not been made and	will not be made.		
8.	An English language translation of the	ne amendments to the claims under PCT Ar	ticle 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
9' 🔨	An oath or declaration of the inventor	r(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (Unsigned)		
10.	An English language translation of th Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	e annexes of the International Preliminary E	Examination Report under PCT	
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:				
11.	An Information Disclosure Statement	under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
12.	An assignment document for recording	ng. A separate cover sheet in compliance w	ith 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13. 🗸	A preliminary amendment.			
14.	An Application Data Sheet under 37	CFR 1.76.		
15.	A substitute specification.			
16. 🔽	A power of attorney and/or change of	f address letter. (Unsigned)		
17.	A computer-readable form of the seq	uence listing in accordance with PCT Rule	13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.	
18.	A second copy of the published Inter-	national Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d))(4).	
19.	A second copy of the English language	ge translation of the international application	n under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
20. 🗸	Other items or information: Intil Consu	h Pat (PCT/ISA/210): Int'l Written Opinion (P	OCT/IC A /227\	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO-1390 (Rev. 12-2004)
Approved for use through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 0437-57 Applicant use Office use only The following fees are submitted 300.00 a) Basic national fee......\$300.00 200.00 b) Examination fee......\$200.00 500.00 \$ 1,000.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. RATE Total Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction Extra sheets thereof (round up to a whole number) × \$250.00 - 100 = /50 = \$ Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest \$ claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). \$ **CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA** RATE \$ Total claims 15 - 20 = 0 \$50.00 х 0.00 x \$200.00 \$ 0.00 Independent claims - 3 = 0 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) \$360,00 \$ TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 0.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced \$ \$ 1,000.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = 1,000.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = 1,000.00 Amount to be refunded: Amount to be charged A check in the amount of \$ 1,000 to cover the above fees is enclosed. _ to cover the above fees. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ _ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-0460</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: The Maxham Firm SIGNATURE 750 B Street, Suite 3100 Lawrence A. Maxham, Esq. NAME San Diego, CA 92101 USA 24,483 619-233-9004 REGISTRATION NUMBER



IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

In re

Applicants : David Adderton

U.S. Application No. : UNKNOWN

International Application No. : PCT/AU 2004/001264

International Filing Date : 17 September 2004 (17.09.2004)

For : HANDRAIL OR TOP RAIL, POST AND

PANEL AND CONNECTOR

THEREFOR

Priority Data : AU 2003905113

Filed: 19 September 2003 (19.09.2003)

Our Attorney/Docket Reference : 0437-057

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXPRESS MAIL LETTER

The below items are enclosed with this letter for filing the above-identified National Phase application:

- 1. Express Mail Certification (1 page);
- 2. Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (2 pages);
- 3. Declaration/ Power of Attorney for Patent Application (executed) (2 pages);
- 4. Specification (10 pages);
- 5. Drawing (5 sheets);
- 6. Preliminary Amendment w/abstract, and claim amendments (9 pages);
- 7. Copy of Published International Application WO 2005/028776 A1 (19 pages);
- 8. International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) as published (2 pages);
- 9. Copy of Form PCT/ISA/237Int'l Written Opinion (3 pages);
- 10. Check in the amount of \$1000.00; and
- 11. Return Postcard.



The serial number of the Express Mail certificate is EV 797358486 US, mailed on 13 March 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

David Adderton

By. Lawrence A. Maxham
Attorneys for Applicant

Reg. No. 24,483

THE MAXHAM FIRM

A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION Symphony Towers

750 "B" Street, Suite 3100 San Diego, California 92101 Telephone: (619) 233-9004 Facsimile: (619) 544-1246

Maria .

"EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NO.: EV 797358486 US

DATE OF DEPOSIT: 13 March 2006			
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE PAPERS AND FEE ARE			
BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAI			
SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE"			
SERVICE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 ON THE DATE			
INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO MAIL STOR			
PCT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,			
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.			
Belinda M. Owens			
Belinda M. Owens			
(NAME)			
Bulilly m. Oppens			
(SIGNATURE)			